

SENATE BILL 33 of the Second Extraordinary Session  
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 57 and Title 67, relative to taxation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 57, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated part:

Section \_\_\_\_\_. (a) The alcoholic beverage commission together with the county board or agency from the four largest counties in this state which issue permits to establishments selling alcoholic beverages of less than five percent (5%), as well as the county board or agency from one rural county in each of the three grand divisions which issue permits to establishments selling alcoholic beverages of less than five percent (5%), shall meet as a task force within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this act. The rural counties to be represented at the meeting shall be chosen by a majority vote of the alcoholic beverage commission and the boards or agencies from the four largest counties.

(b) The purpose of such task force is to provide information to the One Hundred First (101<sup>st</sup>) General Assembly concerning to the level of taxation imposed on alcoholic beverages, wine and beer respectively regulated by such commission, board or agency.

(c) In order to provide sufficient information for the general assembly, the task force shall survey all the states which border Tennessee as well as any other states the task force deems instructive or appropriate to determine how and to what extent such

states tax such beverages. Additionally, the task force shall consider the length of time the taxes imposed on such beverages in this state have not been increased and compare the level of taxation on such items to the level of taxation on other food and/or beverage products sold at retail in this state.

(d) The task force shall compile such information and report its findings and recommendations concerning the appropriate amount of taxation on such beverages to keep Tennessee competitive with the surrounding states. The report shall be provided to the governor and to the state and local government committees and the finance, ways and means committees of the house and senate no later than March 15, 2000.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-6-330, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-6-530, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect January 1, 2000, the public welfare requiring it.